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SUBJECT: KAMA PURCHASING COMMISSION AND JAY CRAWFORD

1. AT LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF ARMAND HAMMER IN ODESSA
AUGUST 22 MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (MFT) AMERICAN
DEPARTMENT CHIEF ZINOV'YEV ASKED E/C COUNSELOR ABOUT
THE DEPARTMENT'S INTENT IN CALLING IN KAMA PURCHASING
COMMISSION (KPC) AND SOVIET TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
OFFICIALS TO EUR/SOV TO DISCUSS COMMISSION STAFFING
AND ACTIVITIES. COUNSELOR SAID THAT WE LIKE TO KNOW
WHAT SOVIET BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS ARE DOING, JUST AS
SOVIETS REQUIRE PERIODIC REPORTS FROM ACCREDITED US
COMPANIES. COUNSELOR THEN RAISED CRAWFORD CASE, NOTING
THAT THIS IS TAKEN VERY SERIOUSLY BY USG AND HARDLY
ENCOURAGES THE BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP WE WOULD LIKE TO
SEE EXIST. HE REBUTTED HIGHLY TENTATIVE ZINOV'YEV
COMMENTS ABOUT CRAWFORD'S "GUILT" AND STRESSED IMPORT-
ANCE OF A POSITIVE SOLUTION.

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2. DURING AUGUST 24 CALL ON ZINOV'YEV IN MFT ON ANOTHER
SUBJECT, ZINOV'YEV REVERTED TO DISCUSSION IN ODESSA
ABOUT KAMA PURCHASING COMMISSION. HE SAID THAT
COUNSELOR HAD EXPLAINED MEETING IN EUR/SOV AS A ROUTINE
DISCUSSION OF BUSINESS ACTIVITIES OF KAMA. ON THE OTHER
HAND, HE SAID, THE USG HAS BEEN HOLDING UP VISAS FOR
KAMA EMPLOYEES FOR AS LONG AS TWO OR EVEN THREE MONTHS.

ZINOV'YEV WONDERED IF THERE WAS SOME CONNECTION. COUNSELOR NOTED THAT OUR RELATIONS AT PRESENT ARE DIFFICULT, CITING FACT THAT CRAWFORD WAS DETAINED ALL DAY AUGUST 23 IN LEFORTOVO AND CALLED THERE AGAIN ON 24TH. ZINOV'YEV THEN INQUIRED IF CRAWFORD CASE WAS THE REASON WHY KAMA VISAS ARE BEING HELD UP. COUNSELOR SAID THAT HE HAD NEVER SEEN ANY AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT ABOUT A DIRECT LINKAGE BETWEEN THE TWO. MOREOVER, THE TOTAL BILATERAL PICTURE WAS BIGGER THAN THESE TWO CASES. HOWEVER, IT WAS HIS OWN PERSONAL OPINION THAT REPERCUSSIONS ON TRADE FROM ADVERSE OUTCOME OF CRAWFORD CASE WOULD INEVITABLY HAVE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP. ZINOV'YEV TOOK NOTE THAT THIS WAS PERSONAL ASSESSMENT AND COMMENTED THAT IT WAS NOT MFT WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR OUTCOME OF CRAWFORD CASE. TOON

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